



Second Sunday of

Advent

December 9, 2018

Up, Jerusalem! stand upon the heights;
 look to the east and see your children gathered
 from the east and the west at the word of the Holy One,
 rejoicing that they are remembered by God.

Baruch 5:5

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AWAITING THE SALVATION OF GOD

The world does not seem big enough to contain the jubilation of the first reading. In the Gospel reading, the Roman empire isn't big enough, either. The great powers of Rome are named and made to stand waiting for the arrival of God's salvation. And we find Paul meditating joyfully on what really matters.

According to Baruch, the city of Jerusalem is like a person standing on tiptoe looking for God's salvation, which is coming from the east. Those who were led away on foot, heads down, now come back, a proud people. Why, the very way is smoothed out. The path is lined with fragrant, lush trees.

It can't get any better than this, can it? Well, yes, it can. For a voice calls out in the desert. Here is the beginning of the salvation of God.

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Mass Schedule

Confessions are heard 30 minutes before each mass.

Lyons Point

Tuesday:	5:30 p.m.
Wednesday:	6:30 a.m.
Thursday:	5:30 p.m.
Friday:	6:30 a.m.
Saturday:	4:00 p.m.
Sunday:	8:30 a.m.
(Midland)	10:30 a.m.

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Mass Intentions
Mass Schedule for
December 10th thru December 16th

Tuesday, December 11th, Lyons Point: 5:30 p.m: Wilbert Hargrave

Wednesday, December 12th, Lyons Point: 6:30 a.m:

Thursday, December 13th, Lyons Point: 5:30 p.m.: Tina Terro

Friday, December 14th, Lyons Point: 6:30 a.m.: Una Hargrave

Saturday, December 15th, Lyons Point: 4:00 p.m: Donner Duhon, Lily Carlson, Guilbert "Tee" Guillory, Andrew, Helen & Jimmy LeBlanc, Alvin Breaux, Lola LeBoeuf, Wanda Miller

Sunday, December 16th, Lyons Point: 8:30 a.m: Freeman Family, Darryl "Beasy" Doucet, Heath Lambert

Sunday, December 16th, Midland: 10:30 a.m.:

Sanctuary Candle:

Midland:
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The Woods Family & All Holy Souls in Purgatory
Suire & Istre Families

The Sanctuary Candle is \$12.00 and burns for 2 weeks. Please contact the office (783-2968) for more information.

FIRST TUESDAY YOUTH NIGHT

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

The 1st Tuesday of every month we will celebrate 5:30 pm Mass together at St. John the Baptist. Following Mass we will meet in the Lyons Point Church Hall to share a meal. Spaghetti, pizza, gumbo, and crawfish etouffe' are just a few examples of our menus. Bring a friend—all high school aged youth (9th –12th grade) are invited. For more information or to see how you can get involved, please call Mrs. Rechelle Broussard at 458-1551.

To assist in the smooth operation of our parishes, we ask that all requested items being submitted for verbal announcements and the bulletin, as well as all mass intentions, are turned in **2 weeks in advance** to the office. This is necessary due to bulletin deadlines and it will assist us in planning for the future of our parishes. Mass Intention envelopes are available at the entrance of the churches.

Collection Totals

	<u>Morse</u>	<u>Lyons Point</u>
11/25	\$586.00	\$1923.00
Bldg. Fund	\$	\$

Our Lady of Fatima Statue

To be picked up at Mass on December 15th & 16th
 Mark & Rena Bertrand 10:30 am (Midland)
 Bryan & Shelley Istre 5:30 pm (Lyons Point)

Please pick up and drop off the statue at the entrance of church and not in the sacristy

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Look around most Catholic churches, and you will discover an image of John the Baptist, often in the old baptistery, or in a window near where the font is or was located. He has two feast days in the calendar: one commemorating his birth, and the other his death. There are only three nativities in our calendar: for Jesus, for Mary, and for the Baptist. John's birthday is reckoned according to the schedule given in Luke's Gospel of the angel's announcement to Mary. The angel tells her that her cousin Elizabeth is in the sixth month of pregnancy, and so Mary hastens to help her. Reckoning Christmas as December 25, we count backwards nine months to March 25 for the Feast of the Annunciation. Then we count forward three months to June 24 for John the Baptist's birth. Halfway to Christmas, his nativity gives ample reason for rejoicing in the summer, and his symbols of fire and water are used playfully in bonfires and dives into the sea. Even at the polar opposite of Christmas in the calendar, the energy of Christ's birth in the Incarnation provides cause for rejoicing.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God (Baruch 5:1-9).

Psalm — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).

Second Reading — I am confident that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus (Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11).

Gospel — The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth (Luke 3:1-6).

Lyons Point Faith Renewal

Friday, January 25th thru Sunday, January 27th
Lyons Point will be hosting their Annual Faith Renewal Retreat. Please pray about attending this amazing weekend. Also, please pray for the success of the weekend. Registration begins at 6:00 p.m. on the Friday night and supper will be served. The retreat will begin at 7:00 p.m. and end Sunday afternoon. If you decide to attend come with your bags packed. You will be staying at the home of someone in the area. You will leave this retreat spiritually renewed and refreshed. It is such a nice weekend away from the busy lives we live. If you should have any questions please feel free to contact Susan Mayes - Director (387-9587) or Susan Trahan - Co-Director (523-1714).

Christmas Mass Schedule

Monday, December 24—4:00 p.m. Lyons Point
Monday, December 24—6:30 p.m. Midland
Tuesday, December 25—8:00 a.m. Lyons Point

New Year's Mass Schedule

Monday, December 31—4:00 p.m. Lyons Point
Tuesday, January 1—8:00 a.m. Midland

Christmas Food & Toy Drive

Donation boxes are at the entrance of the churches for collection of dry goods and toys for those in need. Food Baskets and Toys will be distributed by Acadia Parish Fire District 5.

The **Youth Night Program** is asking for donations of game night items: used ping pong table, family friendly board games, tailgating games. If you have any items you can donate please contact Rechelle Broussard at 337-458-1551.

Centennial News

- **Centennial Mass – All are invited** – the closing Mass for the Centennial Year of our Diocese will be December 12th at the Cajundome Convention Center at 6pm. Our Diocese and the wonderful people of our diocese and how God has poured forth His Love and guidance upon us in these last 100 Years will be the focus – A Century of Love. Along with the Mass, there will be a Historical Display and a slide presentation before and after the Mass as well as a presentation of the many people and cultures of our Diocese. The doors will open at 4:30 because there will be much to be a part of and see. All Catholics throughout our whole Diocese are invited and encouraged to attend. Please mark your calendars.

RICHES

Riches are the instrument of all vices, because they render us capable of putting even our worst desires into execution.

—St. Ambrose

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